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Remarks

Applicant and his representatives wish to thank Examiner Thomas for the indication that Claim 20 is allowed and that Claims 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 are allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable (and now canceled) Claim 17, and Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable (and now canceled) Claim 10. Accordingly, all of the independent claims are allowed or include allowable subject matter. As a result, all bases for rejection of the present claims are overcome.

Dependent Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 12, 13, 18 and 19 have been amended for consistency with Claims 1 and 2. Thus, no new matter is introduced by the present Amendment.

Applicant and his representatives also respectfully request entry of new Claims 21-22, which depend from allowed Claim 20. New Claim 21 corresponds to previously examined Claim 18, and new Claim 22 corresponds to previously examined Claims 4 and 11. Thus, no new matter is introduced and no new substantive issues are raised by the present Amendment.

Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims are allowed or include allowable subject matter, all of the claims have been substantively examined, and all bases for rejection are overcome. Consequently, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

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